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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. FAST REACTOR DELEGATION

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DEPARTMENT FOR PROTECHNIK/OES-SCI AND PASS TO ERDA/SIEVERING

SUMMARY: DR. T. NEMZEK AND J. YEVICK MET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF ENEL THEN OF CNEN AND THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STAFFS FROM 7 THRU 9 MAY, 1975, TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND EXPLORE THEIR COMMENTS RELATIVE TO ACTIVE COOPERATION OF FAST BREEDER REACTOR PROGRAMS. (END SUMMARY)

DR. T. NEMZEK AND J. YEVICK OF ERDA MET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF ENEL AND CNEN AND THEN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STAFFS FROM 7 THRU AX MAY, 1975 TO EXCHKGE INFORMATION ON AND EXPLANATION OF THEIR COMMENTS RELATIVE TO ACTIVE COOPERATION OF FAST BREEDER PROGRAMS. THE MEETINGS WERE OF UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. ALTHOUGH ENEL HAS AN AGREEMENT-WITH ONE THIRD FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION-WITH GERMANY AND FRANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FBR WITH AN OPTION FOR A THIRD, THEY ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. NEMZEK BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUALLY INFLATING COSTS OF THE R&D. AT PRESENT THEY FEEL THAT THE FRENCH MAY NOT BE RECEPTIVE BECAUSE OF THEIR "NATIONALISM"

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BUT IN TIME WILL SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH PARTICIPATION. IN

ADDITION, ENG. CASTELLI, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THEIR FBR ACTIVITIES
ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FOR TWO OF HIS STAFF TO VISIT THE U.S.
FOR EXPLANATORY FACILITY SURVEYS AND DISCUSSIONS. FURTHER WHEN
PROF. ANGELINI VISITS WASHINGTON TO SIGN THE ERDA/ENEL BILATERAL
GEOTHERMAL AND OTHER TYPE OF ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT HE WILL
CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. NEMZEK.

THIS ATTITUDE IS COMPLETELY SHARED BY PROF. CLEMENTEL OF CNEN
AND HE TOO, IN COOPERATION WITH PROF. ANGELINI PLANS TO CONTINUE
DISUCSSIONS AND VISIT WITH DR. NEMZEK. VOLPE

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